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Children's Special Health Services Announces New Income Levels for Eligibility

BISMARCK, N.D. – Income eligibility guidelines for the North Dakota Children's Special Health Services (CSHS) Specialty Care Treatment Program have increased, according to Melissa Evans, CSHS Claims & Eligibility Administrator with the North Dakota Department of Health.

Effective May 1, 2014, a family of four can earn up to \$44,123 annually (or \$3,677 monthly for the household) and still meet income eligibility requirements.

Funded by the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block Grant, CSHS provides services for children with special health-care needs and their families and promotes family-centered, community-based, coordinated services and systems of health care. The Specialty Care Treatment Program helps pay for services that are needed to treat children with eligible medical conditions from birth to 21.

“Approximately one in seven children in North Dakota has a special health care need. Although many of these children may be covered by some type of health insurance, Children's Special Health Services acts as a gap-filler for over 100 medically eligible conditions and promotes access to quality health care,” said Evans.

To qualify for CSHS Treatment Services, families must be North Dakota residents and meet medical and financial guidelines. To find out if their child qualifies, families can call their local county social services office or the state CSHS office at 1.800.755.2714.

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